**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended): A computer-implemented method for managing stability studies, the method comprising:

forwarding, to a first client computer, information configured to display[[ing,]] ~~on at least one display device,~~ a first interface in a first set of one or more ~~first~~ graphical user interfaces that enables [[a]] users of the first client computer to create stability studies by specifying requirements that need to be fulfilled for the stability studies;

receiving, at a first host computer, first input specified by a user of the first client computer via the first interface in the first set of one or more ~~first~~ graphical user interfaces, the first input indicative of a set of requirements for at least one ~~first~~ stability study;

forwarding, to the first client computer, information configured to display[[ing,]] ~~on the at least one display device,~~ a second interface in the first set of one or more ~~second~~ graphical user interfaces that enables [[a]] the users of the first client computer to create workflows associated with stages of stability studies, a workflow including information configured to prompt a workflow participant ~~user~~ to perform one or more actions that need to be taken during a stage associated with a stability study in order to fulfill requirements specified for the stability study;

receiving, at the first host computer, input specified by the user of the first client computer via the second interface in the first set of one or more ~~second~~ graphical user interfaces, the second input indicative of a set of workflows associated with a plurality of stages of the at least one ~~first~~ stability study, each workflow in the set of workflows specifying a set of actions that need to be taken during each stage in the plurality of stages of the at least one ~~first~~ stability study;

forwarding, to the first client computer, information configured to display[[ing,]] ~~on the at least one display device,~~ a third interface in the first set of one or more ~~third~~ graphical user interfaces that enable [[a]] the users of the first client computer to specify business rules for the stability studies;

receiving, at the first host computer, third input specified by the user via the third interface in the first set of one or more ~~third~~ graphical user interfaces, the third input indicative of a set of business rules for the at least one ~~first~~ stability study;

generating, at a data processing device, a second set of one or more ~~fourth~~ graphical user interfaces for the at least one ~~first~~ stability study ~~with a data processing device~~ based on the set of requirements that need to be fulfilled for the at least one ~~first~~ stability study, the set of workflows associated with the plurality of stages of the at least one ~~first~~ stability study, and the set of business rules for the at least one stability study, wherein the second set of one or more ~~fourth~~ graphical user interfaces define the set of requirements for the at least one stability study;

forwarding, to a second client computer, information configured to display[[ing,]] ~~on the at least one display device, the~~ one or more ~~fourth~~ interfaces in the second set of graphical user interfaces;

receiving, a second host computer, ~~input~~ information specified by one or more users of the second client computer via the one or more ~~fourth~~ interfaces in the second set of interfaces, the received ~~input~~ information for fulfilling the requirements of the at least one stability study; and

validating, by the second host computer, the received ~~input~~ information ~~using the data processing device~~ against the set of business rules for the at least one stability study to determine whether the ~~input~~ information is acceptable.

2. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising if the ~~input~~ information specified by the one or more users of the second client computer is acceptable, storing the ~~input~~ information specified by the one or more users of the second client computer using a storage device.

3. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining, by the data processing device, whether the set of requirements for the at least one ~~first~~ stability study have been completed; and

if the set of requirements have not been completed, ~~outputting, on the at least one display device, one or more fifth interfaces~~ requesting, using the data processing device, additional ~~input~~ information for the requirements in the set of requirements that have not been completed.

4. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining, by the data processing device, whether approval from a user is needed for the ~~input~~ information specified by the one or more users of the second client computer based on the set of workflows associated with the plurality of stages of the at least one stability study.

5. (Currently amended): The method of claim 4, further comprising:

receiving, at the data processing device, an indication of approval for the information specified by the one or more users of the second client computer ~~from the user~~; and

storing the indication using a storage device.

6. (Original): The method of claim 5, wherein the indication comprises at least one of an electronic signature and captured signature.

7. (Currently amended): The method of claim 4, further comprising:

receiving, at the data processing device, an indication ~~from the user~~ of disapproval for the information specified by the one or more users of the second client computer;

determining, by the data processing device, requirements that need to be completed for approval; and

requesting, using the data processing device, ~~outputting, on the at least one display device, one or more fifth interfaces defining~~ that the determined requirements ~~that need to~~ be completed for approval.

8. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the first set of one or more ~~second~~ graphical user interfaces include an interface for a stage in the plurality of stages in the at least one ~~first~~ stability study.

9. (Original): The method of claim 8, wherein the plurality of stages comprise at least two of a stability study setup criteria, stability study planning criteria, initial sampling and testing criteria, stability study launch criteria, stability study testing criteria, and stability study evaluation criteria.

10. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising outputting, from the data processing device, ~~on the at least one display device,~~ information summarizing the at least one ~~first~~ stability study.

11. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising determining, by the data processing device, a result of the at least one ~~first~~ stability study.

12. (Currently amended): The method of claim 11, wherein determining, by the data processing device, the result of the at least one stability study comprises receiving the result from ~~is inputted by~~ a user.

13-26 (Canceled).

27. (Currently amended): A tangible computer readable medium storing a set of instructions for managing a stability study when executed by a processor of a data processing system, the computer readable medium comprising:

code for forwarding information configured to display[[ing]] a first interface in a first set of one or more ~~first~~ graphical user interfaces that enable a user to create stability studies by specifying requirements that need to be fulfilled for the stability studies;

code for receiving first input via the first interface in the first set of one or more ~~first~~ graphical user interfaces, the first input indicative of a set of requirements for at least one ~~first~~ stability study;

code for forwarding information configured to display[[ing]] a second interface in the first set of one or more ~~second~~ graphical user interfaces that enable a user to create workflows associated with stages of stability studies, a workflow including information configure to prompt a workflow participant ~~user~~ to perform one or more actions that need to be taken during a stage associated with a stability study in order to fulfill requirements specified for the stability study;

code for receiving second input via the second interface in the first set of one or more ~~second~~ graphical user interfaces, the second input indicative of a set of workflows associated with a plurality of stages of the at least one ~~first~~ stability study, each workflow in the set of workflows specifying a set of actions that need to be taken during for each stage in the plurality of stages of the at least one ~~first~~ stability study;

code for forwarding information configured to display[[ing]] a third interface in the first set of one or more ~~third~~ graphical user interfaces that enable a user to specify a set of business rules for stability studies;

code for receiving third input via the third interface in the first set of one or more ~~third~~ graphical user interfaces, the third input indicative of a set of business rules for the at least one stability study;

code for generating a second set of one or more ~~fourth~~ graphical user interfaces for the at least one ~~first~~ stability study based on the set of requirements that need to be fulfilled for the at least one ~~first~~ stability study, the set of workflows associated with the plurality of stages of the at least one ~~first~~ stability study, and the set of business rules for the at least one stability study, wherein the second set of one or more fourth interfaces define the set of requirements for the at least one stability study;

code for forwarding information configured to display[[ing]] [[the]] one or more ~~fourth~~ interfaces in the second set of graphical user interfaces;

code for receiving fourth input ~~information~~ via the one or more ~~fourth~~ interfaces in the second set of graphical user interfaces, the received fourth input ~~information~~ for fulfilling the requirements of the at least one stability study; and

code for validating the received fourth input ~~information~~ against the set of business rules for the at least one stability study to determine whether the fourth input ~~information~~ is acceptable.

28. (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 27, further comprising code for storing the fourth input ~~information~~ when the fourth input ~~information~~ is acceptable.

29. (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 27, further comprising:

code for determining whether the set of requirements for the at least one ~~first~~ stability study have been completed; and

code for ~~outputting one or more fifth interfaces when the set of requirements have not been completed that~~ requesting additional ~~input~~ information for the requirements in the set of requirements that have not been completed.

30. (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 27, further comprising:

code for determining whether approval from a user is needed for the fourth input ~~information~~ based on the set of workflows associated with the plurality of stages of the at least one stability study.

31. (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 30, further comprising:

code for receiving an indication of approval for the fourth input ~~from the user~~; and

code for storing the indication.

32. (Previously presented): The computer readable medium of claim 31, wherein the indication comprises at least one of an electronic signature and captured signature.

33. (Currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 30, further comprising:

code for receiving an indication ~~from the user~~ of disapproval for the fourth input;

code for determining requirements that need to be completed for approval; and

code for requesting that ~~outputting one or more fifth interfaces defining~~ the determined requirements ~~that need to~~ be completed for approval.

34. (Currently amended): A system for managing stability studies, the system comprising:

a set of one or more processors; and

one or more memories coupled to the set of processor, the one or more memories including:

a first set of one or more graphical user interfaces configured to enable a user to create stability studies by specifying requirements that need to be fulfilled for stability studies, workflows associated with stages of stability studies, and business rules for stability studies;

a database configured to store information associated with the requirements, the workflows, and the business rules for stability studies, wherein a workflow includes information configured to prompt a user to perform one or more actions that need to be taken during a stage associated with a stability study in order to fulfill requirements specified for the stability study;

a stage selector configured to select a stage of a stability study ~~and to determine from the database one or more requirements for the selected stage~~;

a stage information manager configured to receive from the database one or more requirements that need to be fulfilled for the selected stage and one or more workflows associated with the selected stage ~~from the stage selector~~, to generate a second set of one or more graphical user interfaces that defines the one or more requirements for the selected stage that need to be fulfilled[[,]] and ~~to generate a third interface indicative of information on~~ actions associated with the selected stage that need to be performed;

a stage information processor configured to receive input specified via the second ~~and third~~ set of graphical user interfaces and to validate the input against business rules associated with the selected stage to determine whether the input is acceptable.

35. (Currently amended): The system of claim 34 wherein the first set of one or more graphical user interfaces is further configured to enable the user to create a specification for a first stability study as an overlay using a specification for a second stability study as a base.